

SOAR Board of Directors Meeting

May 11, 2023

4:00 PM – 6:00PM

Participants: Kate Bergles, Marisela Quintero, Rona Wilensky, Liane Morrison, Brad Fischer, Kelly Moulton, Christi Goetz. Samm Donelson, Sonia Sisneros

4:00 PM Welcome and Check in

4:09 PM Consent Agenda

- Minutes
- Monthly dashboard
- Monthly financials

Motion for meeting to begin

Jamita motion

Marisela second

All approve

Motion to accept consent agenda

Jamita motion

Rona second

Samm second

Consent agenda approved.

4:14 PM Principal Report

- Continuation events coming up, wrapping up the year
 - 5th grade continuation and kindergarten continuation
 - Field day coming up next week.
- Report on Empowerment through the Arts event, slide show
- Report on counselor/school psychologist/social worker caseloads
 - School counselor works with 493 students; does needs assessment with all students at the beginning of the year
 - Social worker works with 2 – 5, does all the SPED minutes; does all crisis response
 - School psychologist – k, 1 & students who have IEP students (43/44 students) includes center program students
 - Seen an uptick in mental health needs
 - Suicide risk assessments about once a week
 - Board request: Job descriptions for school psychologist, social worker, and school counselor
 - Board request for numbers of students in counseling groups, number of SW home visits and any other similar details.
- Staffing details in budget e.g. GT, school psych FTE
 - About 55 1.0 FTE staff, about 66 staff overall

- .5 for gifted and talented
- 1.0 FTE Psychologist
- Inclusion Specialist from DPS
- Hiring process overview and updates
 - Two positions away from being fully hired
 - K-2 or K-5 literacy coach still needed along with 5th grade teacher
 - Hired 3 staff members who identify as BIPOC
- BIPOC PEBC Resident teaching in 1st grade next year!
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4:59 PM Senior Director Report

- **FY24 Budget Approval**
 - Rona motion to approve
 - Jamita second
 - all in favor
- **990 Approval**
 - Changes – it had Sarah Glover name and shift to Liane Morrison
 - Anti discrimination clause – responsibility of DPS
 - Samm motion to approve
 - Jamita second
 - All approve

5:20 PM Director of Instruction & MLE Report

- Question: Will there be an option for teachers to do tutoring before school?
 - Leadership team will check around to see if it is a viable option
- Invites went out for summer intensive
 - 171 invites out based on teacher recs & data
- Question: What does outreach look like so parents can identify signs of depression, anxiety, and suicide?
- Suggestion for mental health team to put together all their pieces into a “mini-strategic plan” including all current initiatives in order to assess gaps and needs.

Jamita motion to adjourn

Samm second

All approve

5:46 Meeting Adjourn